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DURING RAILWAY OPERATIONS

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 23, 2001, for which a response was due on January 23, 2002 and has been extended to February 23, 2002 in the attached Petition, please amend this application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 1.

2. (Twice Amended) The method according to claim 10, wherein at least two successive vehicles are coupled to form the virtually coupled vehicles.

Please cancel claim 3.

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